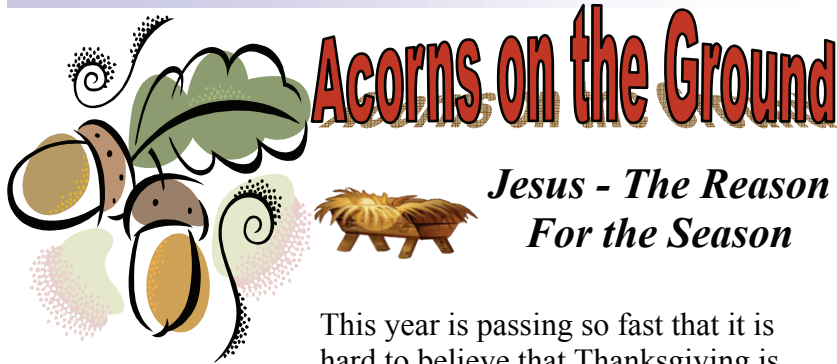


Oaks Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Oaks Notes



Acorns on the Ground

Jesus - The Reason For the Season



Oaks Christian Church is a family church that loves to share God's word, God's Love, and God's fellowship with the world. We are a church in the near inner loop that strives to be a helpful part of the community. We are about Deep Christian spirituality, a true community and a passion for Justice. We celebrate communion every Sunday service and all who believe are welcome to receive.

This year is passing so fast that it is hard to believe that Thanksgiving is next week and Advent begins November 30. This Advent season we will be observing the lighting of the four Advent candles and the Christ candle on Christmas Eve. The themes for the four candles and the Christ candle are:

1st Sunday in Advent - Expectation

As the Old Testament prophets foretold the coming of Messiah, so Jesus has told us of his second coming. We watch and wait in expectation.

2nd Sunday in Advent - Preparation

John the Baptist prepared the way for the coming of the Christ. So we must prepare our lives to receive his spirit anew within us.

3rd Sunday in Advent - Proclamation

We rejoice because his coming is near at hand. We proclaim that the realization of his promise is near.

4th Sunday in Advent - Revelation

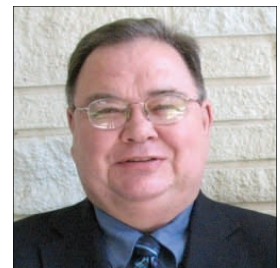
We thank God for the revelation of his love for humanity through the gift of his son.

Christmas Eve - Celebration

The promise of God has now become a reality. We celebrate the coming of God's Son into the world.

Everyone is invited and urged to come join in the celebration of Advent/Christmas. I am sure you will be richly blessed. Please notice all the Christmas events on the church calendar and come and be apart of the celebration. Have a blessed Advent and a very Merry Christmas. Yes, it is so true Jesus is the reason for the season.

Reverend Randy Burke



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*Merry
Christmas*

OAKS CHRISTIAN CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR DECEMBER 2008



December Birthdays

Nita Aber	8
Cody Pitts	11
Gene Pratt	11
Sarah Huey	13
Bethany Poling	13
Pat Hodde	14
Sue Harrison	16
Lida Crump	17
Wayne Cox	20
Roman Belmarez	21
Susan Parker	21
Gale Clawson	22
Jessie Heath	23
Imogene Flott	24
LaMorris Bonner	31
Oliver Harrison	31

If we missed your birthday or anniversary, please let the Church Office know.



And December Anniversaries

Johnny and Cindy Murphy	19
Art and Kathy Pintsch	22
Richard and Evelyn Lineberger	24
Al and Patsy Gonzales	30

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 CWF CHRISTMAS PARTY White Flamingo Restaurant	3	4	5	6
7 Bread Sunday Board Mtg. Continental Assembly	8	9 CWF Visitation	10 Praise Ringer Choir Rehearsal	11	12	13
14 Scrap booking - Crafting	15	16 CWF Goodie Baskets	17 Praise Ringer Choir Rehearsal.	18	19	20
21 Christmas Play Live Nativity	22	23 CWF No Meeting	24 Christmas Eve Christmas Day	25	26	27
28 Scrap booking - Crafting	29	30 CWF No Meeting	31 No Praise Ringers or Choir ractice			

If you have something for the calendar, please let the Church Office know.

Sunday School and Worship services

Sunday School and morning worship will take place as usual every Sunday in December. Sunday School begins at 9:30 a.m. and Sunday morning worship at 10:45 a.m.

A Note from Verna Lamb

"Scrap booking/Craft Day" in Kirchner Hall to be announced for December.

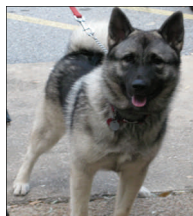


Church Office - Closed 25th, 26th.

The Church Office is open Monday through Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. If you have a pastoral emergency call the pastor's cell number.



Pastor Randy Burke's Phone #'s
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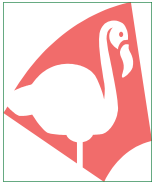
Smile!
Jesus Loves
You!

Christmas Eve Service
December 24, 2008

7:00 p.m.



Announcements, Thank You Notes, Church Attendance and Treasurer Report



Christian Women's Fellowship News - Barb Scantlin

Our annual Christmas Party will be at the White Flamingo Restaurant at 6:30 p.m. The address of the restaurant is 24307 Al-dine Westfield Road, Spring Texas 77373. Reservations are a must so tell Barb Scantlin you are coming so you will be counted. Those that have participated in the secret pal ministry will need to bring their Christmas gift and divulge your identity to your secret pal. Carpooling will be available at the church. If you need a ride, please let Barb know too, so we can get enough drivers. Reserve now!!!



CAN YOU DONATE A PAIR OF SLIPPER SOCKS? - Rosalie Willard, Service Chair

For Christmas this year, the Service committee has several projects. We are donating \$500 to the Manna Vision Center for grants for glasses for the elderly.

We are also donating \$500 to Manna Food Pantry for supplies for the holiday meals. And, lastly, we are putting together a gift bag for each of the 40 permanent residents of Lexington Place. Lexington Place is located at 1737 North Loop west. Our 40 residents are composed of 15 gentlemen and 25 ladies. We want to compile the following for each gift bag: a pair of slipper socks, a dollar store wristwatch, room deodorizer, and a calendar. The activity director told us all types of notions, such as Kleenex, shampoo, body lotions, etc, were supplied by the nursing home. She also asked we bring nothing breakable.

So often our elderly are forgotten and we want to make this a pleasant time for these residents so we are asking your help in purchasing the above items. We are particularly asking you to buy a **pair of slipper socks**. Calendars can often be picked up free at local merchants so you could help with that should you happen to see them available. We thank you for your help in making Christmas joy for these elderly people and we hope your holidays are filled with joy also. Please respond by December 14, 2008.



Poinsettias for Christmas - Katie Spencer

Hello Everyone! It is that time of year where we order the Poinsettias for Christmas. The order forms will be in the bulletins for the next three Sundays for you to order the special Poinsettia for your loved one either for Honor or In Memory of.

The cost will be \$10.00 each. If you would like to purchase some of these plant (s). The orders and checks can be put in the offering tray or turned in at the church office. Thanks so much!

All Saints and Veteran's Day - Katie Spencer

I want to thank all who participated in All Saints day and the Veteran's Day celebration. I feel both celebrations were really nice since so many people joined in to help or be apart of the events. I am also glad we were able to share both of these occasions together.

Thank you for your concern, love and prayers. I am getting better each day. Art Pintsch

October Church Attendance

Attendance for the Month of August 2008	Sunday School	Church Attendance
October 5	27	71
October 12	24	74
October 19	20	67
October 26	22	73
TOTALS	93	285

From the Treasurer - Dorene Drake

Operating Account	August	September	October
Deposits	\$10,374.74	\$13,068.07	Not Available
Disbursements	-\$12,683.00	-\$12,560.83	
Difference	-\$2,308.26	\$507.24	

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THRIFT SHOP**

**For more information
Contact Marie at
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Please note: Web site
is down.**

Board Happenings - Bill Scantlin, Board Chair

There will be a Board meeting immediately following Church services on Sunday December 7, 2008 to vote on items that could not be voted on at the November meeting due to a lack of a quorum. Please make every effort to attend so that we can conduct the business of the Church. Thank you.

Congregational Meeting held on November 16, 2008 - Oaks Christian Church Board Members for 2009 were voted in. The 2009 Budget total amount \$198,024.
